

## National Weather Service Participates in State Adopt-a-Highway Trash-Off

Staff members and volunteers from the Austin/San Antonio Weather Forecast Office (WFO) located in New Braunfels, Texas participated in the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Texas Department of Transportation's Adopt-a-Highway, Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off event held Saturday April 14, 2012. Several bags of trash and discarded items were removed from a two mile stretch of adopted road along FM758 near Airport Road in New Braunfels. The event is held each year and is part of a state wide litter prevention program and a major activity to help keep Texas beautiful. Last year's Trash-Off day resulted in more than 60,000 Texas volunteers collecting 2.4 million pounds of trash. The highly popular and successful state Adopt-a-Highway program has sparked a global interest with similar programs started in 49 states and a number of countries around the world. The program originally started in Tyler, Texas.

<http://www.dot.state.tx.us/trv/aah/default.htm>



**Photo:** Pictured from left to right: Pat McDonald, Orlando Bermudez, Denise Villescaz, Joe Villescaz, Steve Smart, Jon Zeitler. Not pictured: David Schumacher

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